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Subject: Request for an Extension of Time for Completing the Required Sampling and Reporting due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Preventive Measures at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Facility, Water System ID NM3598008

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time for completion of the required sampling at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility Water System ID NM3598008.

As part of the Department of Energy's effort to meet the public health emergency order issued by the State of New Mexico to minimize the spread and impacts of Coronavirus Disease 2019, preventive measures have been implemented. These preventive measures include self-quarantine for some employees and telecommuting from home for many other employees (especially those with high-risk medical conditions) in an effort to promote social distancing. Other measures being evaluated are a reduction of workforce density where possible (e.g., staggered shifts) and curtailment of work activities. Guidelines and recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of New Mexico Department of Health are being followed to reduce the risk of virus transmission and impacts to the WIPP facility workforce. The WIPP Emergency Operations Center continues to operate in monitoring mode which allows us to quickly address issues as they arise.

Respectfully, the Permittees requests an extension of time for required sampling and reporting. The Permittees will notify the New Mexico Environment Department, Drinking Water Bureau when the WIPP facility resumes normal operating status at which time the sampling and reporting will be completed.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please call Mr. Michael R. Brown at (575) 234-7476.

Sincerely,
Gregory
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